

Community Messages

21/02/19 - Information requested.

OIS: 0071S 200219
CRIMINAL DAMAGE JOCKEY BANK IRONBRIDGE
BETWEEN 21.05 ~ 21.30 ON 19TH FEB 2019

The rear window of a car parked outside a private residence was smashed.

If anyone has any information please contact 101 quoting above log number.

<https://www.westmercia.police.uk/article/57547/Information-requested>

21/02/19 - PCC update - Proactive and Innovative Approach to Support and Protect Missing People

A proactive and innovative approach to support and protect missing people in West Mercia is backed by the Police and Crime Commissioner.

An average of 14 people go missing every day in West Mercia. Many of these disappear repeatedly, and are vulnerable because of their age, health, mental health or disappear from a place of care.

Through the use of technology West Mercia Police are using analysis to prevent repeat missing occurrences, protect those who are currently missing through task based investigation and work with partner agencies to provide provision to those at risk.

The force are also one of the first to team up with the Missing People Charity and the Samaritans to provide a text safe service to vulnerable people. A message followed up with a phone call can be sent quickly to a person identified at risk, signposting them to other services and putting them in touch with one of the Samaritans 21,000 listening volunteers- one in three people have engaged with this service, compared to one in twenty who were reached previously.

In Shropshire, where a disproportionate number of young people reside in care, the Commissioner has invested in a scheme with the Children's Society and Shropshire Council to ensuring all missing young people are fully assessed on their returning to ensure that they are safe, and to reduce the risk of them becoming missing again.

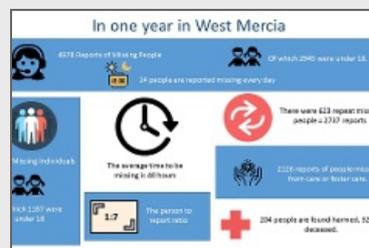
The Commissioner has also invested in West Mercia Search and Rescue whose volunteers provide extra support to the police, in finding those who are vulnerable.

Commissioner John Campion said "Identifying and tackling the root causes which cause people to go missing, is vitally important not only to keep vulnerable people safe, but to reduce the impact that missing people investigations have on police resources and demand. I welcome this multi-faceted approach, making the best use of technology, working across agencies and with innovative approaches to tackle this issue. The investments I have made are clear examples of how both West Mercia Police and I are committed to protecting the most vulnerable."

Missing People in West Mercia- The Current Picture In West Mercia (Jan to Dec 2018)

- There were 4978 reports of missing people. (An average of 14 a day)
- There were 2864 missing individuals.
- 2945 of these reports involved under 18s
- There were 1187 missing individuals under 18.
- The average time for someone to be missing is 40 hours.
- There were 623 repeat missing people.
- There were 2737 reports from repeat missing people.
- There were 2126 reports from people missing from care or foster care.
- The person to report ratio is 1:7
- From the above 204 missing people were found harmed, and 32 were found deceased.

Note: To view a graphic presenting these statistics please click on **'Read more'** at the bottom of this email message.



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Message circulated on behalf West Mercia PCC

<https://www.westmercia.police.uk/article/57545/PCC-update---Proactive-and-Innovative-Approach-to-Support-and-Protect-Missing-People>

19/02/19 - Commissioner funds cyber-crime prevention training for vulnerable adults

Vulnerable adults that can be exposed to becoming victims of cyber-crime are to receive training, funded by the Police and Crime Commissioner, that will better protect them and help others from being targeted.

It has been identified that vulnerable adults, specifically those that are on autistic-spectrum, have strong skills in IT. With natural abilities in this subject, and often being unemployed and socially isolated, autistic adults are easy prey for online criminals who encourage them to move into cyber-crime. It is hoped that these skills can go towards preventing this crime from affecting businesses and government by placing these adults into cyber-security roles.

The training, which is being carried out by the UK Cyber Security Forum and IASME (an information assurance standard for small and medium-sized businesses), has already been highly successful at attracting the individuals who are skilled at cyber-security and would otherwise be unemployed. By successfully placing these individuals in employment, it is expected that the number who move to cyber-crime will be reduced.

Police and Crime Commissioner John Campion said: "I made a commitment to build a more secure West Mercia, with a particular focus on crimes committed against the most vulnerable in our society. I hope this training will help not only protect vulnerable individuals within our communities becoming targeted by those involved in cyber-crime, but take their skills and fill a gap in cyber-security that has been identified."

Dr Emma Philpott, CEO of IASME said: "With the fantastic support of the West Mercia PCC we are able to train and support talented, unemployed neuro-diverse adults into cyber security employment. By doing this we help the neuro-diverse individuals but also make the whole region a much safer place to live and work."

A report, commissioned by Internet Matters, Youthworks and the University of Kingston has today highlighted that society's most vulnerable children are also in need of extra support and care in their digital lives. The report has found that young people who are in care, have special educational needs or have mental health, physical or communication difficulties, are more at risk of online harms such as cyberbullying.

ENDS

Message sent on behalf of the PCC.

<https://www.westmercia.police.uk/article/57438/Commissioner-funds-cyber-crime-prevention-training-for-vulnerable-adults>

18/02/19 - Company Van Stolen, Harris Business Park

A black Ford Transit partial registration YH10 has been stolen in the early hours of 17th February from a business on Harris Business Park, Hanbury Road, Bromsgrove. CCTV at the premises shows two males entering the vehicle at just before 4 am, by forcing open the drivers door. They then start the vehicle by means unknown and eventually drive off the unfenced compound at quarter past 4. The faces of the males cannot be seen on the CCTV, they are wearing hoodies. The owners still have the keys for the vehicle.

Anyone with any information or knowledge please call 101 and quote incident no. 644s 170219

PCSO 6279 Brothers

<https://www.westmercia.police.uk/article/57391/Company-Van-Stolen-Harris-Business-Park>

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